

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/695,941 Confirmation No. 6279  
Applicant : Hammer, et al.  
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TC/A.U. : 1772  
Title: : Cellulose-Hydrate-Containing Food Casing with Vinylpyrrolidone Polymers  
Examiner : O Hern, Brent T.  
Docket No. : P179 1130.1  
Customer No. : 59554

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 14, 2008, this Amendment and Response is submitted. No additional fees are believed to be required as this Amendment and Response is being filed within two months of the date of the Final Office Action. Please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected on the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this submission;

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this submission; and

A **Conclusion** begins on page 9 of this submission.